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For: **GENETIC ENGINEERING SALT
TOLERANCE IN CROP PLANTS**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 21, 2003 (Paper No. 41) and the Advisory Action dated August 6, 2003 (Paper No. 44), finally rejecting claims 1,5,7,8,10-12,14,18,19,21-32,53 and 54, for which a response was due on August 21, 2002, and for which a one-month extension of time is requested, extending the deadline to September 21, 2003. Please consider amending the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

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